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Allied Dragnet Of Steel Over Germany Ropes In Leaders Of Underground Conspiracy

ARMEL SWIRLS SWASHES NAZIS FOR POWER

By RICHARD OREGAN, A.P. Staff Correspondent
Frankfurt, Saturday.

THOUSANDS of British and American troops this morning smashed a powerful, well-financed subversive attempt by Nazi fanatics to regain power in Occupied Germany.

One thousand suspected ring-leaders of the underground movement were in jail or were being rounded up early today by helmeted combat soldiers in a huge manhunt in Germany and Austria. The subversive movement was directed against British, American and Soviet forces.

"The back of the movement is broken," Brig.-Gen. Edwin L. Sibert, American Intelligence Chief, announced as his counter-espionage agents seized Germans by the hundreds, and armoured cars rumbled across Germany and Austria, raiding homes and hotels.

Those arrested included elite Nazis, comprising an "inner circle" in jail was Arthur Axmann, head of the Hitler Jugend (youth movement), and under-leader of the entire anti-Allied conspiracy.

"The movement's long-range plan, designed to revive the Nazi ideology in Germany, was the most dangerous threat to security encountered since the war," General Sibert announced.

The blanket steel and men thrown over Germany and Austria culminated ten months of exhaustive secret investigation by Allied counter-intelligence agents.

The illegal movement was led by former officers of the Hitler Jugend and Bund Deutscher Jugend, and Hitler youth leaders of German cities. It was financed by funds entrusted to Axmann's headquarters next day.

His downfall was typical of Nazi Germany. It came as a result of distrust between two warring elements.

Hitler Hesitated

'Rib' Had Russia Peace Plan

From WILLIAM HAMMER, Reuter's Correspondent.

Nuremberg, Saturday.

RIBBENTROP told the War Criminal Tribunal today that before the debacle of Stalingrad in January, 1943, in which more than 300,000 German troops were killed or captured, he urged Hitler to make a separate peace with Russia.

His aim was to concentrate against the Allies in the West and perhaps achieve a general truce.

Hitler refused because it would mean an attitude of defeatism.

After the Italian collapse in the summer of 1943, Ribbentrop said, "I was more favourably impressed." The Fuehrer actually began to think out a demarcation line between Germany and Russia, and he would sign the plan in the summer of 1944. He did not.

When later Ribbentrop made two further attempts, Hitler told him each time that a decisive military success was necessary first.

After the "unconditional surrender" declaration by Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt, Ribbentrop said, "I was again told the view that there was no point in negotiations was maintained to the end."

Fuehrer Gave Him "Sleepless Nights"

FOR the third day running Ribbentrop was continuing his account of German aggressive moves. Hitler's violations of neutral soil, he said, gave him "many sleepless nights."

Hitler had hoped to keep the Scandinavian countries neutral, and he decided to invade Norway and Denmark in 1940 only after intelligence reports had convinced him that British landings there were imminent.

Hitler's invasion of Belgium was similarly the result of plans made up by Mr. Ribbentrop, Mr. Daladier, and the French Prime Minister, for attacking the Ruhr through neutral country.

RIBBENTROP said four motives led the Soviet Union to start war against the Soviet Union.

1.—Japan's attitude towards the Reich was uncertain.

2.—Italy was a weak ally.

3.—The Reich was expected to enter the war sooner or later.

4.—A large-scale invasion in the West was probable.

Though Ribbentrop claimed that the anti-Communist pact with Japan was not aggressive, he admitted that he tried to get the Reich to attack Singapore and hoped they would also strike at Russia.

M.P. Freed On £5,500 Bail

Montreal, Saturday.

After bail of \$2,500 had been fixed, Mr. Fred Rose, the Canadian M.P., who had been committed for trial under the Canadian Security Act, was released today.

Mr. Michael Dubay, a city councillor, put up \$2,500 of the money.—Reuter.

See What You Pay For

New Check On Wine

A CLEARER indication of the contents must be made on the labels of British wines and spirits from tomorrow.

A new Ministry of Food Order affects all British wines and spirits containing up to 40 per cent. alcohol.

Labels must contain specific details of the fruits from which the wines are made, and the alcoholic content in bold print.

The order is expected to check the sale of wine with little alcoholic content at exorbitant prices.

Ministry of Food inspectors will watch for any infringements.

Winston As Epstein's Model

Mr. Winston Churchill is to be executed in bronze. Jacob Epstein, famous sculptor, has been commissioned to commemorate the premier by the Ministry of Information (from today, Central Office of Information).

Mr. Epstein completed a bust of Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, in 1945. It has since been exhibited at the Royal Academy.

V.P. Day Will Be Bank Holiday

Latest issue of the "London Gazette" contains a proclamation by the King appointing Saturday, June 8, as a bank holiday throughout the United Kingdom.

The day is to be dedicated for the Victory Parade.

Java Peace Mission To Hague

The Dutch and Indonesian delegates, discussing the future of Indonesia, have now "become close enough" for their talks to be transferred to The Hague, it was officially announced today.

The mission was headed by Mr. H. J. van den Hoogenhof, who is also under-secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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The Royal Family attended the wedding in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, yesterday, of Miss Lavinia Lascelles, daughter of Sir Alan Lascelles, Private Secretary to the King, to Major Edward Renton, Black Watch, of Edinburgh.

Tax Revenues Are Up

Hopes Rise Of Budget Cuts

BRITAIN'S balance-sheet, when the financial year ended last night, was so satisfactory that it encouraged hopes of more tax reliefs when Mr. Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, brings in his Budget next Tuesday week.

Revenue is up, expenditure is down, the "deficit" has dwindled by more than £250,000,000 and nearly all the sources of national income are yielding more than was expected.

In all this it would seem that one or two further tax reductions would not be justified even though the shilling off income tax announced in the autumn budget had cost over £250,000,000 this year.

A further income tax concession Motor vehicle duties.

This figure means that the "deficit" has now dwindled to £210,329,448. Last year it was £215,568,000.

Greatest jump in revenue came from income tax, which was £4,507,000 up, at a grand total of £1,341,346,000—an all-time record.

Excise—in which Purchase Tax yields are hidden—has risen by £4,300,000, but this is slightly offset by a drop of £2,000,000 in customs. Some Purchase Tax cuts are expected in the Budget.

Motor vehicle duties, at £4,170,000, are £1,407,000 ahead of last year.

Wine licences have brought in £6,180,000, against £4,820,000 last year.

Among the decreases is one of £46,337,000 in excess profits tax, but even this reaches a total of £420,877,000.

We Are Sending 'Prefabs' Abroad!

MYSTERY of our export of prefabricated houses to Holland is being solved by Mr. Norman Smith, Labour Member for Nottingham.

He is to ask the Minister of Health, on Thursday, whether he is aware we are sending 1,000 Maycrete "prefabs" houses to Holland during the next six to eight weeks at a price of £330 per house, and why these houses are not suitable for use in English rural areas?

PERSIA CRISIS MAY BE ENDED SOON

U.N. Tries To 'Save Face' For Stalin

BEHIND the scene confidence is growing that the dangers of the Persian problem—if not the problem itself—will be cleared away this week.

The somewhat belated request of the Security Council for full facts suggests two important developments:—

1. Realisation that the tactics used so far have been wrong.

2. Ability to admit and rectify error, without weakening the determination to carry out the principles of the Charter without fear or favour.

There is reason to think that Russia, too, has realised the futility of her own tactics and that a new gesture of co-operation may be expected soon.

In the course of peace the United Nations are doing all they can to save Moscow's face, and it is to be hoped that the latest request to Russia will bear fruit despite a new mystery move yesterday.

In Persia, where Prime Minister, the Government, and the people, repudiated "certain statements made by the Russian Persian delegate to the Council."

"EXAGGERATED"

Prime Minister declared "Russia is driven by patriotism and sentiment, and for this reason it certain of his statements are exaggerated it is due to sentimentality, which sometimes gets beyond his control."

He also told the Council on Friday "my instructions give me thorough discretion to take such steps before the Security Council as I deem necessary to protect the interests of my country."

It is not clear to which of his statements Prime Minister was referring. Or why?

SHADOW OVER GREENE

While UNO conference goes, so does a shadow in Greece. Today is the fatal day for the elections, which are to be supervised by 2,500 Allied observers.

Nominally, there are 21 political parties in Greece. For practical purposes these are lumped into three groups—Right, Centre and Left.

The left is determined to abstain from what it alleges is a wholesale frame-up backed by British forces.

The Centre has split into two, while the Right is openly out to secure a monarchy.

Theoretically the Right may have expected majority by night—but Greek politics are passion-charged affairs.—

British forces are prepared for all eventualities.

U.S. Has New Weapons

A SUPER-BAZOOKA

Washington, Saturday.

NEW rocket weapons, including a 10-ft. rocket which is said to give a fighter aircraft the firepower of a heavy cruiser, were announced by the U.S. military authorities in Washington tonight. Other devices are:

A landing craft which fires 300 to 500 five-inch rockets a minute with the punch of five destroyers.

A rocket fired from ships, which scatters anti-radar strips to confuse enemy radar equipment.

An anti-submarine rocket fired backwards from an aircraft.

A "super-bazooka"—an anti-tank weapon which is effective up to 700 yards.

A harpoon rocket for carrying lines across rivers.—B.U.P.

British M.P.s In Persia

The British Parliamentary delegation to Persia, consisting of Michael Foot, Labour Member for Devonport, and Brig. A. H. Head, Conservative Member for Carlisle, Surrey, arrived in Tehran today.

They are to make independent inquiries for their Parties into the situation, and have permission to travel in the Russian zone.

Soviet newspapers yesterday reported that the British M.P.s, the UNO Security Council's proceedings on Persia and Russia.

SMALLPOX DEATH: SOUTHDEN PLANS

Special hours for vaccination at Southden health centre yesterday, following the death from smallpox at her home in Southchurch, of a girl laundry worker.

Other members of the staff at the laundry had previously been vaccinated, and the Southden medical authorities have taken all necessary precautions.

PEACE TALKS DELAY

Paris, Saturday.

ANY possibility of the Peace Conference taking place here on May 1 as scheduled has been ruled out by the Security Council.

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Neither Britain nor Russia, however, have repudiated the Peace Conference, but in their opinion, peace negotiations for the future would be completed by May 1.

Drone of the peace treaties for submission to the conference have left controversial issues—such as the fate of Trieste and the Italian colonies—almost untouched, it is learned.

And it is obvious that if the Persian dispute is not settled there is little chance of Foreign Ministers taking important decisions on—for example—the future of Germany.—B.U.P.

Bevin Speaks His Mind

'ARMED FORCE IS IMPROPER'

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT
Bristol, Saturday.

MR. BEVIN, the Foreign Secretary, speaking here tonight on the international situation as it affects UNO, was outspoken in repudiating the idea that armed force can settle disputes between nations.

He declared: "I want to see and I think we shall see it—an agreement or a declaration that whatever happens we will not use armies to settle our disputes."

Mr. Bevin spoke of fundamental principles that he thought had arisen from the UNO arguments going on in New York.

"One is," he said, "that it is improper to negotiate or attempt to negotiate or obtain concessions by a great power out of a little power by means of occupying the country with force and arms."

"The second is I think we shall have to leave behind the method of settling disputes by force. But that settles it as a further step."

"Where vital raw materials are concerned that may be a cause of great Powers getting into conflict, then we must establish proper machinery to deal with that vital economic issue and not end by the old methods."

Referring to distribution of raw materials Mr. Bevin said: "You cannot draw a curtain across a great area of the world and say: 'That is mine anyway' but the dispute arises over the other sphere."

19 Injured In Election Riot

Athens, Saturday.

FIFTEEN civilians and four policemen were injured in a 15-minute clash in the Athens tonight.

The clash occurred between the police and demonstrators urging a boycott of tomorrow's general elections.

The riot took place in Omonia, scene of bitter fighting during the civil war of last December.

The police state that they were attacked with clubs and stones.

The crowd dispersed after the police had fired in the air. Complete order was restored, and Athens is now quiet.—Reuter.

To Cross Atlantic In 3 Hours

Montreal, Saturday.

A prediction that within two years jet-propelled passenger planes will cross the Atlantic in three hours was made here today by Lord Braslow, former British Minister of Aircraft Production and a British licensed aviator.—Reuter.

TURKS AND ARABS SIGN

The Turkish-Arab Agreement was signed yesterday by the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Hassan Sabri, and the Iraqi Foreign Minister, Nuri Said.

It is expected that the agreement will lead to a cessation of hostilities between the two countries.

The milk all children like



A glass and a half of milk goes into every half-pint of Cadbury's Milk Chocolate. Unfortunately, Cadbury's only allows the milk to make an extremely small quantity, so, if you are lucky enough to get some, do save it for the children. In this way, you are giving them cream summer milk in its most tempting form.

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